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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Non-final Office Action mailed herein on August 28, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a petition for an appropriate extension of time and the fee therefor, thereby making this a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-0630.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend Claim 25 as follows:

- 25. (Amended) A composition comprising monospecific F(ab')₂ which is:
- (a) free of F(ab')₂ having hinge region intrachain disulfide bonds;